

# LABOR FESTIVAL DAY OF LABOR

Those Who Toil Throughout America Will Celebrate the Holiday of Organized Labor. What the Leaders Say of the Occasion.

Throughout the broad expanse of America to-morrow will be celebrated by organized labor as their own particular day. The day has been decreed a holiday by the National and State governments, and especially in the State of Virginia it will be fittingly celebrated.

Just as certain days have been set apart in the church calendar as a tribute to the saints, so Labor Day has a significance not always fully realized. It is the anniversary whereon millions unite in maintaining and improving the dignity and majesty of labor, which Christ Himself dignified and exalted by His own example. On these anniversaries the men who labor in the various trades, at the workshops and in the factories, and in every other vocation, abstain from labor and enjoy a day of recreation and rest with their families. The holiday is a crystallization into law of the centuries old proverb that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." It is an appeal for a higher standard of living and of service; a day of patriotic celebration, with addresses by men identified in every interest with those who toil for their daily bread.

Referring to Labor Day, Hon. Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration, says:

"There is no national holiday when the people should take a deeper interest in its proper observance than on Labor Day. While Independence Day, the glorious Fourth of July, commemorates the birth of Liberty, Labor Day proclaims the struggle constantly maintained by the countless toilers of the land to perpetuate those principles announced in 1776: Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"Let those in whose interest Labor Day is set apart as a national holiday receive an inspiration for a more zealous work in the future. Let each be impressed with the responsibilities which rest upon the toiler as citizens of the republic and as co-workers for the nation's success. May a better understanding of the value of organized effort in promoting the welfare of industrial forces as well as the elevation of humanity result."

Mr. Henry George, Jr., known the world over as an exponent of political economy, says:

"Labor Day, selected by the trade unions as their special feast day, and, in deference to their rising influence, subsequently made by the States and Federal government a public holiday, is a mile post in the progress of the working masses."

Interest in the observance of this anniversary is now so great that countless thousands will unite to make it a memorable occasion.

## THE ART PRESERVATIVE

Printers, Pressmen and Binders Are Allied for Beneficent Purposes.

The Allied Printing Trades Council is composed of Typographical, Printing Pressmen and the Bookbinders Union, and to use the label of Council every branch of the different unions affiliated are recognized. The Council has not been in existence in this city but a few years. It includes in its membership about 300 people employed in the respective branches of the trade.

Typographical Union, No. 90. One of the oldest unions of the city is that of the "Type." Long before the war the Printers' Society was organized, and when the war came on the organization disbanded, and at the close of the struggle the present Typographical Union, No. 90, was organized. The membership to-day is 176. Included in this number are several gentlemen who were members of the old society long before the war. No. 90 has not been involved in a strike for many years, and rarely ever has trouble in the ranks.

The officers of the union for the present year are: President, Daniel McCallum; Vice-President, Sidney Cates; Financial Secretary, Henry Meyer; Recording Secretary, E. W. Blakey; Treasurer, Andrew Tyne; Sergeant-at-Arms, T. S. Keefe; Trustees—W. T. Mullen, George Leach and M. R. Pace. Advisory Board—W. T. Booth, W. P. Southall, T. S. Slaughter, W. B. Freeman and W. S. Gill.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, No. 112.

This branch of the Allied Council was organized in 1899, and is composed of pressmen and feeders in the commercial offices and pressmen on perfecting or newspaper presses. The membership numbers forty in this city. The officers of No. 112 are: President, A. F. Skelton; Vice-President, Charles Duke; Financial Secretary, C. C. Ritter; Corresponding Secretary, Charles E. Senf.

Brotherhood of Bookbinders, No. 92.

While the bookbinders have only been in existence for about two years, nearly every man employed at the trade is numbered among its members, some twenty-five or thirty in all. The bookbinders complete the tie of Allied Council. Mr. Joseph Portch, one of the oldest bookbinders actively engaged at his trade, has been president of local No. 92 since its organization. The other officers are: Vice-President, William H. Lucy; Recording Secretary, S. V. Gregory; Financial Secretary, William E. Gary; Treasurer, William M. Harman; Stalder, Albert Sanderson; Inspector and Guide, Oris Bus.

Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders. Shubrick Lodge, No. 170. Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders are representatives of the sturdy sons of toil. The lodge was organized several years ago when the Trade yards were in full operation. The lodge has sixty members and is in a flourishing condition. The officers are: President, William S. Green; Vice-President, Frank T. Milburn; Recording Secretary, Samuel P. Lambert; Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Gilbert W. Smith; Treasurer, Jesse Homer; Trustees—Samuel P. Lambert, John Crane and W. P. Hartley, Jr.

## ORGANIZER MULLEN HAILS LABOR DAY WITH DELIGHT.

I desire to lend my voice with others in congratulation at the approach of our annual holiday.

We have much reason to hail our Labor Day of 1903 with loud applause. Since we last celebrated this day much has been accomplished which works good to our people. Our dear old State has placed upon her statute books a very fair child labor law, which is evidence that our law-makers are becoming interested in the welfare of our State. While the law is not what many of us wanted, it is a long step in the right direction, and will prove a forerunner to a more comprehensive law in the future.

The work of organization has quietly progressed all over our State, and to-day Virginia has a host of organized working people larger than any ever before known in her history. As the work of organization progresses the work of education follows, and our people to-day, more than ever before, recognize the true purposes of labor unions.

It is not our mission to stir up strife, or to take from the employer any of his rights. It is our aim to cultivate harmony between the employer and the employee, to guarantee a superior class of workmen who will render a conscientious day's work for a fair remuneration.

If employers will organize with the same ends in view that our labor unions have, and will meet us in the same spirit we desire to meet them, strikes and lock-outs will be a thing of the past, and those with capital invested in business can rest assured that those who put the muscle behind the capital and make it operative will walk with them hand in hand in the bonds of peace and friendship.

W. H. MULLEN.

## THE TRAINMEN

Almost a Perfect Organization on Every Line Entering the City.

Every branch of employees of the railroads entering the city are compact in a thorough organization. The engineers, firemen, conductors and all other workmen on the roads have their respective organizations. A feature of each branch of the craft is the liberal insurance which



MR. JAMES B. CASEY.  
The Orator of the Day.

is offered its members. In this city there are two branches of the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen, and a division of the Order of Railway Conductors; also a branch of the Order of Railway Trainmen, which includes all brakemen, baggage-masters and flagmen.

## Order Railway Conductors, No. 152.

The conductors include all employees in that branch of every railway that enters the city, and has a membership on the Western Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio. The ticket-punchers meet every first and third Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Smithfield Hall. Mr. A. C. Anthony is chief conductor, and Mr. W. L. Harris is secretary.

## Beverly Smith Lodge, No. 615.

This lodge of firemen was organized in 1902, and was named to commemorate the memory of Beverly Smith, who was killed in an accident on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road. Its members are all employees of this system and its membership numbers forty. The officers are: Master, L. L. London; vice-master, C. E. Myers; secretary, T. G. Walker; treasurer, J. B. Barrett; collector, Russell Harris.

## Division 28, B. L. E.

This division was organized about 1892, and is composed entirely of engineers of the Chesapeake and Ohio system entering Richmond. Its membership numbers about 20. The chief engineer is H. B. Montgomery, Mr. G. H. Rank is chairman of the Grievance Committee of the Eastern Division and a member of the General Executive Board of the whole system. There is another division composed of engineers of the other roads entering Richmond.

The Order of Railway Trainmen has a large membership here, and meets every Sunday afternoon in Danby's Hall.

## Stage Employees, No. 87.

The men behind the scenes are seldom heard of in the world of labor, for they are working hard shifting scenes when meetings are in progress. The members of the union are loyal and conservative and are recognized by every large show house in America. The Richmond local numbers twenty-five members and was organized in 1901. Its present officers are: President, D. H. Jarvis; Vice-President, Thomas Jones; Recording Secretary, John Duell; Financial Secretary, Lawrence Kessler; Treasurer, Samuel Cohen; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles Garner.

## Colored Unions.

There are several colored unions in this city, which are affiliated with a recently organized central body. The tobacco workers have two organizations, numbering over 800 members. Others affiliated are the Hod-Carriers' and Hack Drivers' Unions.



## TRADE AND LABOR COUNCIL.

Body is Composed of Thirty-five White Unions, Representing 5,000 Members.

When the Central Trades and Labor Council was organized about ten or twelve years ago, there was affiliated about seven unions, and it was a hard matter to get a quorum of the delegates to attend the meetings. But a different story is told to-day. Instead of seven, there are now thirty-five unions, whose delegates represent in the neighborhood of 5,000 people who toil, and not a meeting passes that there is not present from forty-five to fifty delegates. Each local is entitled to five delegates. Thus the council has grown and accomplished much good, both to the employer and employee.

It was through the concerted action of the council that the large dry goods stores on Broad and Main Street agreed to close their establishments at 6 o'clock every day in the week, except Saturday, and on that day at 7 o'clock, thereby reducing the hours of labor for thousands of young ladies who are employed as saleswomen in the stores. This plan was put into operation May, 1902, and at the expiration of a year every proprietor readily agreed to keep the plan in operation for an indefinite period. Many other acts of benefit to the crafts of the city have been accomplished, and many labor troubles averted by the wise counseling of the conservative heads, who constitute the body. Never in the history of the council has a union brought an appeal before promptly appointed, and the differences between the local and the parties aggrieved were not amicably adjusted, if such a solution could by any means be reached.

The central body is affiliated with the American Federation and State Federation of Labor. The present officers are: President, John M. Ryall, of the Brewery Workers.

Vice-President, W. J. Dodd, of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Mullen, of Typographical Union, No. 90.

Financial Secretary, Joseph Portch, of Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

Treasurer, J. J. Powell, of Plumbers' Union.

Sergeant-at-Arms, T. V. Rudd, of Sheet Iron and Corning Workers' Union.

## THE BUILDING TRADES

Craftsmen Who Erect Our Homes and Sky Scrapers Are Closely Allied.

Closely allied are the various branches of what is generally termed the Allied Building Trades. From the plumber to the electrician, every man, woman and child in the world of toilers, while no such branch exists in the central body, the president very wisely appointed a committee to whom all questions arising in this branch of the organizations are referred.

## Richmond Branch Granite Cutters.

Much interest centers in the local branch of the granite cutters from the fact that thirteen years ago Mr. James Duncan, now first vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, was one of its members. Mr. Duncan paid a visit to the union a few months ago, and was highly entertained. The granite cutters were organized March, 10, 1877. The

## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

Train will leave Southern Depot 8 A. M.; returning, will leave West Point 7:30 P. M.

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Master of Ceremonies—Daniel McCallum, President State Federation of Labor.

12 o'clock—Bun Eating for boys under fifteen years.

1 o'clock—Egg Race for girls and young ladies.

2 o'clock—Speeches by Mr. James B. Casey, of Portsmouth; Hon. Charles M. Wallace, Jr., of Richmond; West-End Angels will render selections.

3 o'clock—Sack Race for boys under fifteen years.

3:30 o'clock—Grand March for prize. All children requested to fall in line of two; each child will receive a souvenir.

4 o'clock—Race for Fat Men weighing over 200 pounds.

5 o'clock—Tug of War.

Dancing all day and night. Fine music for the occasion.

Prizes will be given for the best lady and gentleman dancer.

Prizes will be given for all the above exercises.

present membership is eighty. The oldest member of the organization is Treasurer George Ford, who has been connected with the union since its organization, bringing a card from Scotland when he took up his home in this country in 1886. The officers are: President, Benjamin Schutte; Vice-President, Fred Comilli; Financial Secretary, E. E. Fink; Corresponding Secretary, Daniel Mahon; Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas Smith.

Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters, No. 10.

The plumbers, gas and steam fitters were organized in 1888 and now have a membership of sixty-five. During the past two years the local has had a strike for an eight-hour day, in which they were successful. The officers elected in July are: Past President, T. J. Martin; President, Charles King; Vice-President, Jas. T. Sargent; Financial Secretary, J. J. Powell; Recording Secretary, E. C. Hicks; Treasurer, James Gregory.

Carpenters and Joiners, No. 1183.

There are two unions of carpenters in Richmond, both of which have a large membership. The officers of No. 1183 are: President, J. W. Clark; Vice-President, J. T. Sargent; Recording Secretary, J. V. Beville; Financial Secretary, E. S. Patterson; Treasurer, E. E. Fink; Corresponding Secretary, W. P. Black; Warden, J. B. Shultz.

Tin, Sheet Iron and Corning Workers.

There is not much opposition to this particular branch of trade, inasmuch as there are only a limited number of men

## PRESIDENT JOHN RYALL

OFFERS MANY GREETINGS

Since my service with the cause of organized labor and my elevation to the presidency of the Central Trades and Labor Council, I have never seen the movement in this city so progressive. We have accomplished many results that have been to our betterment during the past year. Some ten years ago they had the honor to be one of the leaders in the Knights of Labor movement, but since then I have never seen the results accomplished in all phases of the movement that has been accomplished in the movement to-day.

The results of organized labor have been tenfold in recent years, viz.: The shorter work day, the many accomplishments of the building trade division, the erection of the many large structures of the city. Aside from this I desire to bid a God-speed to organized labor in the city, and to the crafts of the city the fullest returns of the day.

JOHN M. RYALL.



MR. JOHN M. RYALL,  
President Central Trades and Labor Council, Richmond.

# DAY.

## A GREAT DAY AT WEST POINT

The Day Will Be Given Over to Oratory, Athletic Sports---The Largest Crowd of the Season Expected to Avail Themselves of the Outing---How Other Cities Will Observe.

## LABOR COMMISSIONER'S ENCOURAGING WORDS

Labor is daily growing in dignity and importance. When the South was essentially agricultural, and the work was largely done by slaves trained to the different trades, the vocation of the white workman was anything but a bed of roses.

Times have changed. With the abolition of slavery and the immense agricultural development of the great Northwest our people were forced to the development of their industrial resources, and this development required brains, brawn, industry and capital. The youth of the South furnished brains, brawn and industry, while outsiders largely supplied the capital, until to-day we may congratulate ourselves that our fair southern heritage is teeming with profitable industries. The best blood of the South, scions of the old aristocratic agricultural and professional man and the sons of the overclass class (the trust and grandest yeomanry of this or any other nation) are working side by side in the mine, on the railroad and in the ship to make our country "great among the nations."

When labor is thus dignified, when "he who worketh not, neither shall he eat," has become the slogan of the country, it is fit to set aside one day in each year for the toiler to rest from his labors, and in the social communion reflect upon the good he has done the country and counsel as to how that good may be enlarged.

Faustianism is dead and work is paramount. In the conservative organization of labor rests the hope of our country. Organization has done more to raise the standard, the moral of the artisan, than any other single means. It is through organization and the basic virtues of the unions he is taught to give honest work for honest compensation; dross and

In this city who are practical at the business. The officers are: President, J. C. Jones; Vice-President, John C. Jones; Recording Secretary, Charles Burton; Treasurer, Joseph Gregory; Warden, J. P. Brockwell.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers.

The painters and paperhangers were organized on August 1, 1899, and have a membership at present of ninety. The local was organized in 1886, and the present membership numbers 20. The officers are: President, G. D. Burruss; Vice-President, Harvey Williams; Recording Secretary, John Butler; Financial Secretary, Ollie Bates; Treasurer, Fred Wilson; Conductor, Charles Thompson.

Bricklayers, No. 1.

In numerical and financial strength the Bricklayers' Union is perhaps the strongest of labor organizations in the city. The local was organized in 1886, and the present membership numbers 20. The officers are: President, G. D. Burruss; Vice-President, Harvey Williams; Recording Secretary, John Butler; Financial Secretary, Ollie Bates; Treasurer, Fred Wilson; Conductor, Charles Thompson.

Retail Clerks, No. 1670.

Five years ago, in 1899, the retail clerks employed in the clothing and shoe establishments organized a branch of international association. Since then the local has grown steadily and has been successful in their efforts for a shorter work day. The membership is 150, and the following officers preside over the union: President, John Don Leavy; Vice-President, George Woodall; Recording Secretary, Henry Sheppard; Financial Secretary, L. C. Jacob; Treasurer, Lawrence C. Wheatfield.

Cigarmakers, No. 183.

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the Cigarmakers' Union. The membership has almost doubled during this period until now it numbers 80. No. 183 was organized April 10, 1892. The present officers are: President, John Krause; Vice-President, H. Fick; Recording Secretary, H. L. Granger; Corresponding Secretary, H. P. Dollard; Treasurer, J. A. Provost.

Governor McMane yesterday issued an order directing that all the State offices, both at the Capitol and Library, be closed to-morrow on account of Labor Day. The order was purely a formal one, and was issued in conformity with the statute which makes Labor Day a State holiday in Virginia. His Excellency will remain in the city during the day, though a great many of the officers and their clerks will take advantage of the holiday to spend a few hours at the seashore or elsewhere out of the city.

The organization of the art (tonorial) in this city has been a means of modeling the shaving as a facial painter. The local has a number of members, and was organized on March 7, 1903. The membership includes forty tonorial artists, and the officers are: President, Acting President, M. Schloss; Financial Secretary, Gus Runge; Corresponding Secretary, B. H. Atkinson; Treasurer, Henry Metzger.

Machinist Lodge, No. 10.

The machinists have a large and flourishing lodge in this city and Manchester. The lodge has just tiled over a crisis caused by the strike for an eight-hour day inaugurated about eighteen months ago. The lodge now numbers about 200 members. The officers are: President, H. Turrey; corresponding secretary, A. B. Tyson; treasurer, William Sheppard.

Journeyman Tailors, No. 44.

Like the tobacco workers, the tailors have women members. The organization has been in existence for a number of years, and ranks among the oldest in the city. The present membership is 18, including four women. The officers are: President, Louis Byrnes; secretary, August Becker; treasurer, R. P. Vasser.

Musicians, No. 123.

Most of the members of the musical union are connected with other branches of business. Every orchestra and band in the city is composed of union men. Mr. G. A. Thillow is president, and Mr. G. A. Thillow is secretary.

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Contrary to the general parade and speechmaking at a local point, the general holiday of the trades will be celebrated this year at West Point. The day will be a demonstration of those who toil. At the popular resort Stein's orchestra will play for those who indulge in the wait, while the other amusement will be in full blast.

The various committees have been diligent to arrange many athletic sports, which will no doubt be a feature of the day's outing.

THESE WHO WILL SPEAK.

The orators of the day will be Mr. James B. Casey, of Portsmouth, a recognized leader of labor in the Tidewater section of the State. Mr. Casey is an ex-president of the State Federation of Labor and is a fluent talker.

The Hon. Charles M. Wallace, Jr., of Richmond, will be the orator of the day. Mr. Wallace's reputation as a speaker and deep thinker on economic questions, is too well known to need comment, and his oratory on this occasion will be, it is needless to say, the effort of his life.

Daniel McCallum, president of the State Federation of Labor, will be the master of ceremonies, and in his own typical way will introduce the orators of the day.

Mr. McCallum has only been a resident of this city about four years, and during this period he has been a successful leader of Typographical Union, No. 90, for three years; the Central Trade and Labor Council for one year, and elected president of labor's highest tribunal last May at the annual meeting of the body in San Francisco.

Many contests of interest have been arranged for the day's enjoyment. Among them will be a bun eating contest for boys under fifteen years old; an egg race for the girls and young ladies; a sack race for the boys; a grand march for all the children present; a race for men weighing over 300 pounds; and, finally a tug of war contest. For the above events the winners will receive handsome prizes.

The best lady and gentleman dancer will also receive a prize, as will the young lady who sells the most tickets. Mr. H. Mullen, editor of the Dispatch, will present to the young lady who sells the most tickets a handsome fan. Besides the many sports arranged, the resort also offers a magnificent opportunity for a day's fishing expedition. Fine bathing and boating are other features that will appeal to those who take the trip.

THE COMMITTEES.

Those in charge of the various details of the excursion are:

Committee on Arrangements—Daniel McCallum, chairman; R. P. Dollard, John Don Leavy, T. J. Martin, T. V. Rudd.

Committee on Tickets and Printing—T. V. Rudd, J. E. Priddy.

Committee on Floor and Music—R. P. Dollard, H. L. Granger, T. J. Martin, J. B. Haskins.

Committee on Amusements—R. P. Dollard, J. E. Priddy, H. S. Campbell, G. R. Tignor, J. W. Kurfess, E. E. Runge, T. J. Martin, T. V. Rudd, T. W. McCabe, W. H. Berry, W. T. Whittle, R. C. Hendle.

Committee on Train—John Don Leavy, chairman; T. S. Slaughter, H. L. Granger, George Ford, H. T. Terry, John Crane, W. H. Berry.

Mr. George Guvernator, manager of Beach park, has generously donated five coaches and an engine to the committee and has agreed to furnish at the Beach Park Hotel meals to children at half price.

MANY PRIVATE PICNICS.

Labor Day being a general holiday, most of the principal industries will stop business. The city will park and picnic in the rural celebration at Beach Park have arranged for private and family outings at the various resorts in and around the city.

THE DAY ELSEWHERE.

The day will be celebrated at Norfolk and the surrounding cities by a grand parade through the streets, and a picnic on the water, which will embark for Ocean View, where the Hon. C. T. Bland and Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty will address those assembled.

At Roanoke a parade of the unions will herald a week of festivities in the nature of a street carnival, the proceeds of which will go to the central body.

Brewery Workers No. 1200.

The men who make the beer have only been in existence here since 1896, and have a membership of about twenty-five. The home breweries and the agencies. The national organization has several papers (half of each issued in 1896) in the city. The officers here are: President, J. J. Boyden; vice-president, Gus Schrottinger; financial secretary, John Wilson; recording secretary, Charles Metzger; treasurer, John M. Ryall.

Barbers' Local, No. 503.

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Barbers' Local, No. 408.

One of the youngest and most progressive organizations in the city is the Barbers' Local, No. 408, which was organized in December, 1902, and now have a membership of 125. The union meets every second and fourth Sunday afternoon in Murphy's annex, and the sessions are always largely attended. Officers for the ensuing term are: President, Charles Kauffman; financial secretary, Frank Seifert; corresponding secretary, Joseph Ryan.

Tobacco Workers, No. 11.

This union bears the distinction of being one of the two organizations in this city in which women are admitted as members. The membership is 125. Near by the membership of 25 is composed of women who work in factories for a livelihood, and the regular sex taken deep interest in the welfare of the organization. Officers of No. 11 are: President, John Driver; financial secretary, Charles W. Wadden; corresponding secretary, W. R. Stewart.

Iron Moulders, No. 128.

Probably the oldest union in the city, next to Typographical, is the Iron Moulders. They were organized in 1858 and have at the present time 180 members.

The present officers are: President, A. V. Clayton; Financial Secretary, E. K. Sampson; Recording Secretary, E. W. Wood; Treasurer, John Quinn.

Bakers, No. 81.

The bakers of the city are thoroughly organized, and have